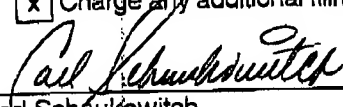


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Applicant(s): Kiyoshi WASHINO, et al.					
Invention: FRAME KIT FOR IC CARD AND IC CARD USING THE SAME					
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated August 14, 2002, the period for response being extended to December 14, 2002, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 1 as set forth below in clean form. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), amended claim(s) is/are set forth in a marked-up version in the page(s) attached to this Amendment.

1. (Four Times Amended) A frame kit for an IC card, comprising:
  - a generally U-shaped frame fabricated from an injection molding material and having an inner wall defining an internal space;
  - a first panel fabricated from metal material and including a L-shaped locking member having a hanging portion and a locking claw portion with the hanging portion and a rear segment of the locking claw portion embedded and held in the frame to connect the first panel to the frame, where a front segment of the locking claw portion projects out from the inner wall and into the internal space; and
  - a second panel fabricated from metal material and having an engaging locking member having an engaging hole which is engageable with the front segment of the locking claw portion to connect the second panel to the frame.